

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church

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Pastor Sallyanne McVay

Worship Leader: Gordon Jones

Community Worship Online and in the Sanctuary

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Choral Introit          Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Call to Worship (Worship Leader):

*We are the Easter people! We have witnessed the resurrection of our Lord. We are now called to be people of the Pentecost. We are called to boldly share the good news of God's Love, so open your hearts to God's great power and love and proclaim Christ as our Savior. Amen.*

\*Hymn:            # 500, Spirit of God, Descent Upon My Heart, verses 1, 4, and 5

\*The World Methodist Social Affirmation #886

\*Gloria Patri #70

♪ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Amen.

Announcements and Bread Tin Offering for The Crossnore School and Children's Home

Prayer for Illumination:

*God of all power, open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts with the spirit of wisdom and revelation. Help us to hear your voice, to see your ways, and to receive with joy your truth. In Jesus; name, Amen.*

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

**1** When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. **5** Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. **6** And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. **7** Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? **8** And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? **9** Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13 But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” 14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

20 The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

A Time for the Children

Anthem      Gentle Spirit, Dwell With Me

Scripture: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

26 “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. 27 You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. . . . 4 But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. 5 But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 about sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; 11 about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. 12 I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Sermon

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

\*Offering and Doxology #95

♪Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

\*Hymn # 393 Spirit of the Living God (live singing!)

Benediction and Choral Response: Go Now and Pass It On

Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able.

Prayer requests:

Betty Gaddy has received a diagnosis of trigeminal neuralgia, after many weeks of terrible headaches. She continues to be in pain and is struggling with side effects from a new medication.

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Mission Statement:

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church exists to  
Inspire Christian discipleship in others and ourselves  
Reach out to others in love and service  
Create opportunities for personal spiritual growth  
Celebrate God's love through worship

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Be a creative, supportive fellowship